Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 14, 18, 26, 30 and 33-38 as shown in the following listing of
claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the
application.

1. 1.   (canceled).

1. 2.   (canceled).

1. 3.   (canceled).

1. 4.   (canceled).

1. 5.   (canceled).

1. 6.   (currently amended) A graphic user interface for an electronic device with a
2. display comprising:
3.   a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be
4. created, said different graphic elements existing on said global drawing surface; and
5.   a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface
6. having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,
7. said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively
8. display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing
9. surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured
10. such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface are managed
11. by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface,
12.   wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements is
13. displayed in said display-and-control graphic element <u>on the local drawing surface</u>
14. and a second graphic element of said different graphic <u>elements</u> <s>element</s> is displayed
15. outside of said display-and-control graphic element <u>on the global drawing surface,</u>

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16   and wherein said second graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic

17   element has a defined operational relationship with said first graphic element in said

18   display-and-control graphic element <u>such that one of said first and second graphic</u>

19   <u>elements is controlled by the other element of the said first and second graphic</u>

20   <u>elements</u>.

1   7.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said

2   display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing

3   surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1   8.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 7 wherein said

2   display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close

3   switch.

1   9.   (canceled).

1   10.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said first

2   graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic

3   element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first graphic

4   element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1   11.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said first

2   graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic

3   element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second graphic

4   element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1   12.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said

2   different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-

3   control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and

4   functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic

5   elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

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13. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element.

14. (currently amended) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element having the same characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element.

15. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

16. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising a second display-and-control graphic element associated with a particular graphic element of said different graphic elements, said second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said particular graphic element.

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1 17.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 16 wherein said
2 second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control
3 graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being
4 configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic
5 element.

1 18.   (currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to provide
3 a graphic user interface on a display, said graphic user interface comprising:
4   a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be
5 created, said different graphic elements existing on said global drawing surface; and
6   a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface
7 having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,
8 said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively
9 display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing
10 surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured
11 such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface are managed
12 by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface,
13   wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements is
14 displayed in said display-and-control graphic element on the local drawing surface
15 and a second graphic element of said different graphic elements element is displayed
16 outside of said display-and-control graphic element on the global drawing surface,
17 and wherein said second graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic
18 element has a defined operational relationship with said first graphic element in said
19 display-and-control graphic element such that one of said first and second graphic
20 elements is controlled by the other element of the said first and second graphic
21 elements.

1 19.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing
3 surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1   20.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 19 wherein said

2   display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close

3   switch.

1   21.   (canceled).

1   22.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said

2   first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second

3   graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first

4   graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1   23.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said

2   first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second

3   graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second

4   graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1   24.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said

2   different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-

3   control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and

4   functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic

5   elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1   25.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said

2   graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element

3   on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element

4   including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic

5   element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements

6   on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said

7   display-and-control graphic element.

26.   (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing surface display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic element, <u>said second display-and-control graphic element having the same characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element,</u> said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element.

27.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 further comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

28.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element associated with a particular graphic element of said different graphic elements, said second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said particular graphic element.

29.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic element.

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1   30.   (currently amended) A method for providing a computer environment

2   comprising:

3   generating a display-and-control graphic element having a local

4   drawing surface on a global drawing surface, said display-and-control graphic

5   element having a viewable area that can selectively display a portion of said local

6   drawing surface such that some of said local drawing surface is not displayed;

7   creating a <u>first</u> graphic element on said local drawing surface of said

8   display-and-control graphic element such that said <u>first</u> graphic element is managed

9   by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface; and

10   creating a second graphic element on said global drawing surface <s>local</s>

11   <s>drawing surface</s> outside of said display-and-control graphic element; and

12   defining an operational relationship between said <u>first</u> graphic element

13   in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic element outside

14   of said display-and-control graphic element <u>such that one of said first and second</u>

15   <u>graphic elements is controlled by the other element of said first and second graphic</u>

16   <u>elements</u>.

1   31.   (previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein said display-and-

2   control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing surface provides a

3   same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1   32.   (canceled).

1   33.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein said defining said

2   operational relationship includes defining said operational relationship between said

3   <u>first</u> graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second

4   graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic element such that said

5   <u>first</u> graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1   34.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein said defining said

2   operational relationship includes defining said operational relationship <u>between</u> said

3   <u>first</u> graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second

4   graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic element such that said

5   second graphic element is controlled by said <u>first</u> graphic element.

1   35.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising saving said

2   <u>first</u> graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control

3   graphic element, including relative positions and functional associations of said <u>first</u>

4   graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control graphic

5   element, as a log.

1   36.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

2   generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said

3   global drawing surface<u>, said second display-and-control graphic element having the</u>

4   <u>same characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element</u>;

5   creating a <u>third</u> <s>second</s> graphic element in said second display-and-

6   control graphic element; and

7   functionally linking said <u>first</u> graphic element in said display-and-

8   control graphic element with said <u>third</u> <s>second</s> graphic element in said second

9   display-and-control graphic element.

1   37.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

2   generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said local

3   drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second

4   display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control

5   graphic element<u>, said second display-and-control graphic element having the same</u>

6   <u>characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element</u>;

7   creating a <u>third</u> <s>second</s> graphic element in said second display-and-

8   control graphic element; and

9   functionally linking said <u>first</u> graphic element in said display-and-

10 control graphic element with said <u>third</u> <s>second</s> graphic element in said second

11 display-and-control graphic element.

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38.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising functionally linking a graphic control device on said global drawing surface with said _first_ graphic element such that a relative layering position of said _first_ graphic element with respect to other graphic elements on said local global surface of said display-and-control graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

39.   (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface that is associated with a particular graphic element on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said particular graphic element.

40.   (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said generating of said second display-and-control graphic element includes generating a set of display-and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic element.